

I have always questioned the wisdom of allowing unhindered growth of media conglomerates. Sinclair Broadcast Group's recent actions illustrate the danger, precisely.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter. Instead, Sinclair generates it's own "news" (?) and force-feeds it across the country.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, NOT weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.